

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Establishment of Telangana Haritha Nidhi (Telangana Green Fund),  
modalities of operation –Modification - Orders –Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY(FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 52

Dated: 16-06-2023  
Read the following:-

- 1.G.O.Rt.139 EFS&T (For-I) Dept.,dt 16.12.2021
- 2.From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Rc.No.18610/2021/SF-III/PMU,  
Dt:Nil.

ORDER:

In the G.O first read above, Government have issued orders for establishment of Telangana Haritha Nidhi (Telangana Green Fund), modalities of its operation.

2. In the circumstances reported by the PCCF(HoFF) in the letter second read above, Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby decided to issue the following Addendum/Modification to the orders issued in the G.O. first read above.

3. Accordingly, the following Addendum Modifications are issued to the modalities of the Telangana Haritha Nidhi(Telangana Green Fund) issued in the G.O.Rt.No.139, EFS&T(For.I)Dept., Dt:16.12.2021:-

4. In the said G.O., after para(5), the following shall be added:-

6(i) Government further, hereby accord permission as required under section 6(2) (b) of the Telangana Societies Registration Act, 2001(Act No.35 of 2001) to register a Society/Foundation with the name "Telangana Haritha Nidhi Society".

(ii) The memorandum of Association of the "Telangana Haritha Nidhi Society" and the Bye -laws of the society are appended to this order as Appendix-I and Appendix-II."

5. The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), is directed to take necessary action on registration of the "Telangana Haritha Nidhi Society" under the provisions of the Telangana Societies Registration Act, 2001(Act No.35 of 2001)".

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (DCM) Dept., vide their U.O.No.1870211/16/A1/TFR/2023, dt.10.02.2023.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SANTHI KUMARI,  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FOREST).

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:-**

The P.S to Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister  
The P.S to Chief Secretary to Government.  
The P.S.to Hon'ble Minister (F&E, S&T).  
The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Govt.,(Forest)

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The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to Govt.,(Finance).  
The Finance(DCM) Dept.,  
The Law(F)Dept.,  
SF/Scs.

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SECTION OFFICER.

## **APPENDIX –I**

**to G.O. Rt. No.52 , ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS,  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY(FOR.I) DEPARTMENT, Dated:16.06.2023**

### **TELANGANA HARITHA NIDHI (TELANGANA GREEN FUND) SOCIETY**

#### **"MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION"**

#### **PREAMBLE:**

Telanganaku Hairtha Haram programme has been launched by Government of Telangana in the year 2015 with an objective of improving the greenery in the State. As on November, 2021 the plantation achievement has been 239.441 Crores. Now, the programme has become a people's movement with widespread participation from all State Government departments, Local Bodies, private sectors entities, general public, NGOs and Central Institutions, public Associations, Educational Institutions, Farming community, public representatives and various other sections of the society and received national and international recognition. Its the third biggest initiative in the world to enhance greenery.

"Telangana Haritha Nidhi" is formed with the objective to enhance, deepen the fruits of the massive plantation activity and to provide sustainability in the long run. On 1-10-2021, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced in the floor of the Assembly about the formation of "Telangana Haritha Nidhi" a dedicated Green Fund for Telangana State. Telangana Harith Nidhi would receive contributions from various sources namely; public representatives, Government employees and other sections of the society, a predefined portion of taxes, fees and other levies that the State Government imposes.

#### **1. Name of the Society: "THE TELANGANA HARITHA NIDHI SOCIETY "**

#### **2.Registered Office:- "The Telangana Haritha Nidhi Society "**

shall be situated at the Office of the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad-500004. The working hours of the Society shall be from 10.30 A.M to 5.00 P.M except on Sundays, Second Saturday and Government holidays.

#### **3. Objectives of the Society:**

- a. To improve the greenery and to preserve the environment in the State.
- b. To establish nurseries and raise plantations in the State to achieve the above objective.
- c. To facilitate maintenance of such nurseries & plantations including watering, tending and protection, as may be necessary for fulfilling the above said objectives.
- d. To solicit technical, financial, social and other support required including evaluation for the activities of the Society for achieving the above said objectives from different sources permitted by Law.
- e. To receive funds from Government of India, State Government or any other organization and deposit the same in the Society account for development of the plantations, Forests and Wildlife.
- f. To support Ecotourism, Eco-development, Research, environmental education, Exposure visits, training, management and advisory aspects in support of the plantations & Forests development and other related fields including conservation of biodiversity in PAs to safeguard and develop natural environment.
- g. Anything incidental or ancillary to the above for furthering the above said objectives.

- h. Any other activity towards strengthening of planning, implementation, maintaining etc., of Telangana ku Haritha Haram Programme.

4. With a view to facilitate the Society’s activities for achieving its objectives, the Society may do the following;

- a. Implement the development plans and schemes as well as maintenance works approved by the Competent authority.
- b. Pay out of the funds belonging to the Society or out of any particular part of such fund, all expenses that are incidental to the formation of the Society and management and administration of the Society.
- c. Receive funds from Government of India, State Government or any other organization and deposit the same in the Society account for utilizing for development of the plantations or Forests.
- d. Subscribe or otherwise assist any charitable, benevolent, Scientific, national, public or any other institution, the objectives or purposes of which are consistent with the objectives of the Society.
- e. Receive contributions from various sources namely; public representatives, Government employees and other sections of the society, a predefined portion of taxes, fees and other levies that the State Government imposes.
- f. Receive donations from individual persons / institutions either in India or abroad in cash or kind for purposes which are directly or indirectly conducive to any of the objectives of the Society or otherwise expedient.
- g. Invest in, construct and equip laboratories to conduct research and experiments on wild animals health & behavior and activities for their well being as a part of preservation of environment & Biodiversity.
- h. Do all such acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives or are directly or indirectly beneficial to the Society in promotion of it’s objectives subject to the overall control of the Government and in conformity with section (3) of Telangana Societies Registration Act-2001.
- i. Open account or accounts with any nationalized or scheduled bank or banks and to pay into and to withdraw money from such account or accounts with express stipulation that the amount deposited shall not be drawn or utilized or diverted for any other purposes, other than the objectives of the Society.

5. **Governing Board of the Society:**

The Governing Board of the Society shall consist of the following members, namely,

Sl.No	Official Designation	Designation in the Society
1.	Hon’ble Minister for Forests & Environment, Telangana, Hyderabad.	Chairperson
2	Spl.Chief Secretary /Prl. Secretary to the Govt, Forests of EFS&T Dept., Hyderabad.	Vice Chairperson
3	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad.	Member Secretary
4	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (SF), Telangana, Hyderabad.	Member
5	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (CAMPAs), Telangana, Hyderabad.	Member
6	Managing Director, TS Forest Development Corporation.	Member
7	Secretary to Government, Finance Department	Member

The Governing Board may co-opt, if required, a few additional members from Government departments involved in the implementation of Haritha Nidhi (Green Fund) project based on need .

**6. Executive Committee of the Society:**

The Executive Committee of the Society will assist the Society in approving the financial plans and budgetary provisions, Estimates, procurement, execution of works etc., and maintain the Society Accounts as per Telangana Financial code & Telangana Forest Code and other Government orders issued from time to time. The Following are the members of the Committee;

1. Spl.Chief Secretary to Government , Forests – Chairperson
2. Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &HoFF – Member Secretary
3. PCCF/Addl. PCC F /Chief Conservator of Forests (SF) – Member
4. Officer, in charge of the PMU, Haritha Nidhi Society – Member
5. Accounts Officer-I, O/o. PCCF, Telangana, Hyderabad – Member

SANTHI KUMARI,  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FOREST).

## **APPENDIX –II**

to **G.O.Rt. No.52,** ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT, Dated:16.06.2023

### **Bye-laws of the Society**

- 1) Name of the Society:** "Telangana Haritha Nidhi Society."
- 2) Address:** O/o. Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana,  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad – 500 004.
- 3) Extent of the Society:** it extends to the Whole of the State of  
Telangana
- 4) Short title:** These bye-laws shall be called the Bye-laws of the  
Telangana Haritha Nidhi Society.
- 5) Definitions :** In these bye-laws and Memorandum of Association,  
unless the context otherwise requires:-
  - a. "Act" means the Telangana Societies Registration Act, 2001(Act No.35 of 2001).
  - b. Chairperson means the Chairman / Chairperson of the Society.
  - c. Executive Committee means Executive committee of the Society.
  - d. Governing Board means the Board entrusted under these Bye-laws with the administration and management of the affairs of the Society.
  - e. 'Government' means, Government of Telangana
  - f. Member means, member of the Society.
  - g. Member Secretary means Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Telangana, Hyderabad.
  - h. Protected Area means an area so constituted under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972(Central Act 53 of 1972).
  - i. Society means the Telangana Harith Nidhi Society
  - j. Year means the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April of the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the succeeding year.
- 6) Powers and Functions of the Governing Board of the society:**
  - a. The Governing Board of the society shall have all such powers and shall perform all such functions as are necessary or proper for the achievement and furtherance of the objectives of the Society.
  - b. The Member Secretary shall obtain project proposals from Field officers, scrutinize and place them for approval of the Governing Board well before nursery & Plantation activity for the next year.
  - c. The Governing Board shall conduct meetings every quarter to consider and accord sanctions.
  - d. The Member Secretary shall be responsible for the management of all the affairs of the Society, subject to control and direction of the Governing Board, in case of emergency, the Member Secretary shall obtain sanction from the Vice Chairperson and seek ratification of the Board as and when the Board sits.
  - e. The Governing Board may delegate any of the specific rights, powers and duties and assign such functions and responsibilities as are considered necessary in the interest of the Society to the Executive Committee or to the Member Secretary.
  - f. The Governing Board shall reserve for the decision of the Government any proposal which in their opinion is of such importance.

- 7) Meeting of Governing Board:** Meeting of the Governing Board shall be held at least once in three months at such time and place as the Chairperson may from time to time determine for the disposal of the business of the Society. Meeting will be called by the Member Secretary on the direction of the Chairperson.
- 8) Special Meetings:** The Chairperson of the Society may convene a special meeting of the Governing Board to consider any matter of special importance or urgency.
- 9) Notice of the meetings:** Every meeting of the Governing Board shall be convened by the Member Secretary duly issuing a notice well in advance as required under the provisions of the Act.
- 10) Quorum:** Half the number of Members of the Governing Board including the Chairperson present in person shall constitute the quorum for any meeting of the Governing Board and to pass any resolutions.
- 11) Presiding Officer:** The Chairperson of the Society shall preside over all meetings of the Governing Board. In the absence of Chairperson the Vice-Chairperson will preside over the Governing Body meeting.
- 12) Voting:** In case of difference of the opinion amongst the Members on any matter under discussion in a meeting the opinion of the majority shall prevail and when there is tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.
- 13) Powers, rights and duties of the Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall meet whenever required for the business of the Society.

SANTHI KUMARI,  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FOREST).